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1. Coordinated visit of Mr. Benjamin D. Hyde, employee of Arthur D. Little Company, with Major Nash and Mr. Baran of RDSM to discuss safety relative to storage and handling propellants re WS-107A-1, WS-107A-2, and WS-315A per TWX from WDSIR.

2. Mr. William L. Berry and Mr. McShane from ACIC visited the office and left a copy of a study prepared in response to WDD stated tentative requirements as of November 1955. The study was turned over to Major Fox, RDTSMT, for comments in accordance with the discussion with Mr. Berry and Mr. McShane. Mr. Berry plans to be at WDD on 14 May 1956 to act as a member of the IOC site selection board for WS-107A, 8 May 56. ~~(Confidential)~~

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4. Received a letter from Headquarters USAF requesting that they be furnished a copy of the WDD findings concerning a proposal from RAND to accelerate the WS-117L program. Letter forwarded to WDD with a request for the information to be provided to Headquarters ARDC. ~~(Confidential)~~

5. Received a request to prepare budget information for General Ostrander on the WDD systems. Information for WS-107A and WS-315A for FY-56 and FY-57 was obtained from the report prepared for the Symington Committee. FY-55 information for these two systems was taken from the development plan and was not broken down by system. Only P-600 estimates for FY-58 and FY-59 were furnished. ~~(Confidential)~~

6. On 7 May 1956 Colonel Oder accompanied General Power to the ARDC-SAC meeting on IRBM and ICBM IOC at Headquarters SAC. ~~(Confidential)~~

7. Attended presentation on WS-117L Development Plan to General Putt on 9 May.

8. Received letter from General White concerning IOC for the ICBM. This letter expressed concern over the fact that WDD had deviated from Headquarters USAF directive in developing the proposed operational program. Letter was answered by TWX 9 May. ~~(Secret)~~

9. Advised General Schriever by telephone that General Power had discussed the IRBM IOC with General White and that he (General Power) had promised General White the "Doll-Lynch" briefing on this subject. Further advised that General Power desired that WDD contact USAF direct to make final arrangements for the briefing.

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10. General Power directed that we arrange to have General Putt receive the "Doll-Lynch" briefing prior to briefing of General White. This information passed to Lt Col Abele and WDD and arrangements made for briefing of General Putt or General Thatcher dependent upon General Putt being called before the Symington Committee.

11. Received WDD and AMC approved findings of the Contractor Evaluation Board for WS-117L. Prepared TWX for General Power to USAF indicating his approval of the findings and recommending that the Ballistic Missiles Office (AMC) be granted authority to enter into a contract negotiation with Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. ~~(Secret)~~

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